

**From:** Sue Vinton  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2013

**Subject:** SB191

Good Afternoon Chairman Peterson and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee:

I am contacting you to voice my support for SB191. This bill is important because it would allow a school district such as ours in Lockwood to keep a special education student in-district while utilizing the tuition fund to pay for costs over and above what federal and state support our district already receives to educate that student.

Currently, many districts must send students with special needs to another district and ultimately pays for educating the student from the tuition fund - thereby sending resources and the child out of district. SB 191 will enable districts to keep the student in district and levy only the difference between actual costs and other funding sources for that student.

As Vice-Chair of the Lockwood School Board of Trustees, we desire to keep "our" kids within our district, and our community members want us to keep our kids within our district as well.

As a parent of a child with special needs, our family feels strongly that it is important that our child remain with his peer group, friends and neighbors throughout his years in school.

I urge you to support SB191 sponsored by Senator Taylor Brown when it comes before you in your committee work today. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your service!

Best Regards,

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